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DEFEAT OF THE HARDY GOVERNMENT.

Last week in the Toronto Legislature the Hardy government sustained a defeat on the License bill.

Objection was taken to section 3 of the bill, which placed upon the municipalities the power of controlling the opening and closing of bars.

Messrs. German, Meacham, Willoughby, Richardson, Platt, Mutrie, Magwood, Hiscott and others opposed the passing of the section. A division was taken and the clause was thrown out on a vote of 59 to 29, which means a defeat for the Hardy government.

Thus disorganization has already set in with the Hardy government. That government will never meet another parliament, or another session.

The people are tired of the entire outfit and call for a change.

In Mr. Whitney and his colleagues are able, capable men, well qualified to manage Ontario's business affairs.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER AND THE PAPAL ALEGATE.

True to their instincts certain of the reform press proclaimed to the world that Sir Charles Tupper, baronet, had some time ago gone to Montreal to call on the Alegate, Merry del Val.

There was not a word of truth in the report.

The object of the reform party was to divert attention from Hon. Mr. Laurier's and his party's connection with the Alegate and to arouse prejudice against Sir Charles.

Two days after the rumor was abroad, Sir Charles Tupper never having called on or met Mr. Merry del Val, received a letter from that gentleman stating that he had a letter of introduction to Sir Charles from Lord Russell, chief justice of England, and asking the privilege of a meeting.

Sir Charles, with true gentlemanly courtesy, merely called on Mr. Merry del Val in answer to his letter, spent a few minutes with him and took his departure.

All this occurred in Ottawa, and two days after the false and sensational dispatch from Montreal had been published.

The reform press have a hard task on their hands to justify Mr. Laurier and his followers in inviting the Pope of Rome to meddle in Canada's constitutional affairs.

DISINTEGRATION AT OTTAWA.

That the conservative leaders were hopelessly divided anterior to last June passes without contradiction in Canada; and that the defeat was due to that disunion is certain. However, the old party is again united, and presents a solid phalanx to the enemy.

How is it with Hon. Mr. Laurier and his colleagues? It requires only a casual observer to detect the quarrels agitating the cabinet and the reform party. Mr. Molnes of British Columbia viciously attacked the Globe and some of its leading directors in a speech in the House of Commons. The Globe replies calling him "liar" and "alanderer."

Mr. Molnes retorts in the House, and the Globe follows him up, "chastising" him as if he were a youngster in need of spanking, and further charges that those responsible for urging on the attack on the Globe over its stand for the Crow's Nest railway are disappointed grit contractors and bootlickers.

Hon. Mr. Sifton also seems a brand among the dry timber. Well defined reports say that on three occasions recently that honorable gentleman, being thwarted in his designs, pranced out of the cabinet meetings and sulked until the government yielded his points.

Then it seemed strange for Mr. Laurier to walk back and put his arm around Mr. Molnes, complimenting him, after making the vicious attack on the Globe.

Hon. Mr. Mulock also has brought his colleagues up with a short turn on sundry occasions, especially on the Crow's Nest railway scheme; and Hon. Mr. Blair is also credited with being a kicker.

Much of the friction is due to the fact that Hon. Mr. Davies is inclined to drive things his way. He is vain enough to imagine that he is Hon. Mr. Laurier to retire he, the minister of marine and fisheries, would be in right of succession for the leadership. In these ambitions he stands alone.

But the greatest break of all is over the tariff. The average reformers conscience is elastic in a high degree. Yet, there are very many of them who have taken such pronounced stand for "free trade" that they cannot in ordinary decency swallow the high protective policy the change is too sudden, the curve too sharp.

The result of all is that there are endless quarrels among the reform party at Ottawa which far exceed anything that ever disgraced the conservative party.

A most vigorous protest has also been entered against the conduct of the reform leaders in inviting the Pope of Rome to send Mr. Merry del Val to Canada to interfere in a "constitutional" question.

The present condition of affairs is just what might have been expected. No party gaining power on such terms as the reformers did last June can ever hold together. When the people get another opportunity to express themselves at the polls they will sweep from power such traitors and incompetents.

M. MERRY DEL VAL.

The reform press are vainly seeking to make it appear that the Papal Alegate, M. Merry del Val, is in Canada merely to settle a quarrel between roman catholic laymen of the heroic type, and their tyrannical bishops over the school question.

Reader, have you seen one instance where a roman catholic bishop interfered in the slightest to affect the conscience of any follower on the school question? Not one instance is on record in this quarrel in Quebec.

What the bishops did was to condemn certain atheistic, rebellious, revolutionary and annexation articles in a couple of Quebec grit papers. Protestant clergymen have repeatedly done the same, only the protestant does not recognise so much the authority of his pastor as does the roman catholic.

On the school question the bishops have taken a rather manly course. They have not coerced one follower in all Quebec. As Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick stated in the House of Commons, he wrote his declaration and went of his own free will, unasked by anyone and gave it to his bishop in order to "work" him for the elections. The bishops do not seem to have demanded the pledges; they were given to them.

On the merits of the case, while we do not agree with the interpretation placed by the bishops as well as by thousands of the best orangers in Canada, on the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Queen's Privy Council, yet they take this stand:—"We, as bishops, have ever upheld the constitutional authorities of the British Empire. If the decision be adverse to us then we bow loyally to it; but if favorable then we ask what the law and the constitution give us. We uphold the courts of Canada and Britain and do not ask appeal to Rome; on the contrary we condemn the appeal to Rome of Mr. Laurier." Such is the stand of the bishops.

The attitude of the reform party, however, is this: In Bonaventure, for example, the reform candidate would not pledge his bishop, but he did pledge to do whatever the Papal Alegate decided. In short, he went one better than a bishop. Then, in the protestant parts of Bonaventure he issued a fiery anti-bishop address, while in the roman catholic centres he had another, pledging abject service to the Pope's emissary.

The reform party further cannot say Merry del Val comes as a mere churchman to settle a church quarrel.

His own utterances prove that he thought he was asked by the government of Canada to come to settle the Manitoba school question.

Lord Russell, whose son has been appointed by the reform government Canada's solicitor in Great Britain, certainly understood that the government of Mr. Laurier asked the Pope to send out the Alegate to settle the school question.

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and thus override the decision of the Queen's Privy Council.

But the petition itself condemns the reform party. It clearly represents them as speaking not as churchmen or as simple citizens, but as "members of the Senate and members of the House of Commons of Canada, REPRESENTING THEREIN THE LIBERAL PARTY," and the appeal is for redress of something they claim to be dangerous not alone to church liberties but to "the CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES of this country."

The first paragraph is as follows:—"Most Holy Father,—We, the undersigned members of the Senate and members of the House of Commons of Canada, and representing therein the liberal party, present ourselves before your Holiness as respectful and devoted children of the holy church, to complain of the existence of a state of things which, if allowed to continue, might be extremely dangerous to the constitutional liberties of this country, as well as to the interests of the church itself."

What right have Hon. Messrs. Laurier and his followers to appeal to the Pope of Rome to interfere in regard to CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES IN CANADA?

The line must be drawn, and not only Mr. Laurier but also every Canadian politician and statesman must learn that no such references will be permitted.

In case the bishops are aggressive beyond their rights, then those being oppressed have various courses open to them for redress:—

1. They may appeal to the courts of Canada and Great Britain; but not to Rome.

2. They may appeal for legislation to the parliament of Canada.

3. They may leave the roman catholic church if they do not choose to follow the rules of that organization, for Canada is a free country and no one can be coerced into remaining in a church.

From whatever viewpoint one regards it it is evident that in asking the Pope of Rome to send the Alegate to Canada Hon. Mr. Laurier was clearly unconstitutional and wrong. The people will reckon with him in due time.

HON. GEO. E. FOSTER.

During the present session two men have stood forth as infinitely superior to all others on either side of the House at Ottawa as debaters.

Repeatedly the liberal-conservatives have been delighted beyond measure in listening to the clear, convincing, scathing logic and perfect address of Hon. Geo. E. Foster as he would gracefully yet irresistibly remove from Hon. Mr. Laurier and his colleagues the masks of duplicity and hypocrisy, and leave them exposed in their political nakedness to the scorn, contempt and ridicule even of their own sympathizers.

It falls to the lot of but few political parties to have such talented debaters as Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper, baronet. Before their arguments the reform leaders quail and are dumb. Their replies are weak, vacillating and fall far short of being even second rate.

Hon. Dr. Montague and others of the able liberal-conservative debaters are reserving their eloquence for the tariff; but the two previously named are in themselves more than a match for the whole reform party.

Every day displays more and more the weakness of the liberals and the great strength of the conservatives.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER—VIGOROUS AS EVER.

At seventy-six years of age it falls to the lot of but few men to preserve their physical and mental vigor and energy so unimpaired as does the honorable leader of the liberal-conservative forces in the Canadian parliament Sir Charles Tupper, baronet. Yet, this session has given remarkable evidence of his great ability, genius and strength of intellect.

His able speech in reply to the address in which he laid the plans that drew out from the government all the intrigues and duplicity between Hon. Mr. Laurier and his colleagues with the Pope of Rome was most masterly.

The arraignment of the government for divulging to the coal and other select industries the policy of the government on the tariff changes, in advance of the budget was also most complete and left the ministers to use an old Irish expression "whinging" unable to reply or to justify their conduct.

On other issues, the superannuation question, franchise act, the proposed commission to dismiss civil servants, indeed on every important issue, Sir Charles Tupper has excelled the administration, and even won over both friend and opponent by his great vigor, sound logic and convincing eloquence this session.

In palmy days, when he earned the title "The war horse of Cumberland," the young Nova Scotian politician could not surge in vigor. In logic, in diction, his later self, as Canadian-British baronet statesman.

May laurels continue to adorn his worthy "pow."

NOW FOR THE TARIFF.

"Now that the estimates are down, the house will have plenty of 'talking material' without counting in the franchise and superannuation bills. But this will not satisfy the anxiety in the country to see the new tariff. Business cannot well get its feet again until the tariff uncertainty is over. And it will be a great pity if this stagnation is not relieved in time to let us get fully ready to take advantage of the opening of navigation and the boom of the summer season. 'Ice shores' in the river, and the appearance of the hand organ artist remind us in the winter blockade in over. Business will soon be inclined to bud out with the trees; but the prevailing doubt about the tariff will have much the same effect on the former that the lingering of winter in 'the lap of spring' might have on the latter. And the government ought not to let itself be beaten by the climate."

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public for several weeks. The liberals won their elections in June last, and went into office in July; and as yet the Canadian tariff is a profound secret. We are glad to get the estimate. They satisfy our curiosity, if hardly up to what we expected from McMullen's finance minister. But it is more than curiosity that makes all Canada eager for the new tariff. Mr. Laurier sought on Monday his early date for the budget.—Montreal Star.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A trip to Ottawa is a pleasant interlude in the ordinary routine of daily existence, and thereby hangs many a deputation.—Toronto Globe.

According to the esteemed Globe, liars, hypocrites, slanderers and thieves seem to form the most influential portion of the liberal party.—Mail-Enterprise.

Mr. Laurier took occasion to assure the Trent Valley and deputation that his government was by no means "afraid to spend money." Commenting on this statement, and drawing attention to the unsatisfactory condition of our finances, the falling revenue and the large expenditure indicated for the present year, and showing that it is a time now of all others when our government ought not to be ashamed of a passion for economy, the Montreal Star says the premier might easily have spared himself the denial of this virtue.

BRAVE RESCUE.—On Monday, constable Charley Reeswood, from drowning, a young lad named Fisher of Toronto, who fell into the river east of the locks. The young lad would have assuredly been drowned had not Reeswood, without any hesitating a bond to throw any clothing, leaped to his rescue. Such a heroic action deserves more than passing recognition. Where there is a change in the deed Charley is always on hand.

A TEMPERANCE HOUSE.—Mr. Geo. Gain, the old porter of the Benson House, has rented the hotel owned by Mr. J. Duncan, next door to Dorgan hotel, and intends to keep a temperance house. Yard, stable and 4ed rooms free.

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A LONG TRAMP.—An account of the Rev. T. J. Marsh's trip to the McKenzie River district to Lindy is an interesting one. He left St. Per's mission, Hay River, on February 1st not having known until a short time before that he would be able to come out this spring, and reached Edmonton on March 1st, having walked along the shores of the Athabasca, about 100 miles, and down the river, about 400 miles, then across country to Lac La Biche, about 240 miles, where he secured a team and rode nearly 3 miles to Edmonton, and as there was no other train until Tuesday, he spent a very pleasant time on a Sunday preached for Mr. H. P. Petter, formerly of the church, who has charge of the church during the pastor's absence. He made short stays in Elkhorn, Boush and Winnipeg, and thence came to Lindsay. He expects to remain here about two months before starting back to his mission field.

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